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## END OF DAYS?

Wild rumours are coming from the states of Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana of mysterious and ominous events sweeping through the region. There have been rumours of frogs and toads raining from the sky, unseasonal insect migration and localised outbreaks of infestation and disease.

Many local preachers are prophesising of a coming apocalypse, and are urging their congregations to begin to prepare themselves for the end of days. Though this reporter could find no evidence of these events there are several notable witnesses who point toward these events spreading from the Texas Arkansas border a region that has had more than its fair share of unusual problems over the last several years.

It should be noted that trains arriving from the region in eastern states are carrying a much larger number of passengers with more than one railroad being forced to locate passengers in cattle trucks and open waggons.

This has been linked by political and Church forces in the Northern states with the lawlessness and pagan worship endemic in the South.



Locusts swarm a homestead in Louisiana

## ALL QUIET ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT

After months of unseasonal weather and supply and communication problems the US army reports that once again the southern boundary of the contested state of Texas has been secured and that shortly settlers will be allowed back into the region.

It has reported that a small number of outposts to the east of the state are still to be contacted and there have been rumours of groups of Mexican citizens travelling north under white banners.

There are still large numbers of troops stationed throughout the region and even in the light of this news the US army has still to report on when the troops will be returning to their regional barracks causing much pain and anguish for the family's of these troops and once again protesters and petitions are being raised with politicians at all levels.

## WICHITA NATION BETRAYAL

Reports are rife of Indian raiding parties striking settlements along the migration route from Louisiana through Arkansas to the newly established Indian Nation.

While the office of Indian Affairs is adamant that these are the acts of a small minority of the Indians it has led to calls to halt the migration or to ensure a full military escort of all native peoples.

The OIA is offering a bounty of up to \$50 for the identities of any Wichita leaders responsible for these raids and are appealing for calm in the affected areas and have asked that we remind people that anyone found guilty of causing the death of any native person except in the defence of their land or person will be hung for murder as ordered by the US Supreme Court.

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## WITCH TRIALS CONTINUE

The witch trials in and around New York state have reached a level of hysteria with accusations of abduction levelled at both the Military and Religious institutions located on Rogers Island.

While many of those reported missing come from the working class areas on the city and surrounds there have in recent weeks been a number of allegations made surrounding the disappearances of several notable social figures including Gen George Whitmore a Notable Southern Gentleman and Landowner for the State of Mississippi.

There have also been rumours of groups of wandering priests accompanied by military escort in a number of states as far South as Arkansas.

In the wake of a number of small riots focused on civil and military offices throughout the slums of the city and the spreading of this social unrest to towns and settlements.



The issue has been raised in the senate and rumours surround Capitol Hill of a forthcoming 'Witchcraft Prevention Act' though this reporter can find no official willing to comment on the act or to take an official stance on the witch issue.

## BANDITS CAUSE GRIEF FOR GRIZZLY POINT

Further problems have been reported from the mining post at Grizzly Point. Hit hard by the snows this past winter and the late thaw it was hoped the settlement would soon be able to get back on track.

However, opportunist bandits have been striking both shipments of ore and turquoise coming from the mine along with the provisions heading the other way.

The Hurst Mining Company have offered a \$100 bounty to any information leading to the arrest or execution of bandits working the Crossroads Saloon to Grizzly Point road.

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## CARNIVAL TIME

Permission for the travelling Nicolescu Circus to set up its big top at Deadwood has been agreed by the town council.

"We welcome all forms of entertainment here in Deadwood, and the circus is always eagerly anticipated." Mayor Pacifico told us. "As a community, we'd also like to extend an invitation to all performers of the Nicolescu Circus to join us in the church house for prayers and a celebration of their arrival in Deadwood."

It is believed the newly consecrated "St. Filipe's field' has been made available for the circus, but no firm date has been agreed as of printing.

